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SUBJECT: REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND UK FOREIGN
SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, PRIME
MINISTER AND I REVIEWED THE TRIPS THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE
BEEN TAKING. WE THINK THAT THE BRITISH VISIT TO
MOSCOW WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL; A CONTRIBUTION TO THE
RELAXATION OF TENSION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ALLIED
FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY. I REPORTED TO OUR BRITISH
FRIENDS ABOUT MY VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND OUR PLANS
FOR THE FUTURE. WE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL MATTERS IN A SPIRIT OF
FRIENDSHIP, CORDIALITY AND AGREEMENT. THANK YOU.

FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN: IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT
PLEASURE TO HAVE DR. KISSINGER HERE. HE'S ONE OF THE
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WORLD'S GREAT STATESMEN AND HE'S BEEN ON A MISSION OF

PEACE. I HOPE THAT HIS EFFORTS MEET WITH THE REWARD THAT THE WORLD NEEDS AND THAT CERTAINLY THEY DESERVE. WE THINK THAT AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE BY HIM - AND WE WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN SOME DETAIL - THAT THERE IS A GOOD PROSPECT FOR ANOTHER STEP BEING TAKEN. THAT IS CERTAINLY OUR DESIRE AND OUR INTENTION, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH ALL OTHERS, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT. AS FAR AS OUR VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION WAS CONCERNED, I AGREE WITH DR. KISSINGER THAT IT HAS HAD THE IMPACT OF STRENGTHENING THE POLICY OF DETENTE, WHICH IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL OF US. I HOPE THAT IT HAS REINFORCED OTHER EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE IN OTHER DIRECTIONS. AND I THINK AS FAR AS 1975 IS CONCERNED, THAT WE MAY WELL SEE SOME PROGRESS IN FURTHER RELAXATION OF TENSION AND IN THE GROWING TOGETHER OF PEOPLE WHATEVER THEIR ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL SYSTEMS MAY BE.

Q: MR. CALLAGHAN, DID YOU HAVE THE IMPRESSION IN MOSCOW THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD COOPERATE WITH A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS?

CALLAGHAN: WELL, I THINK DR. KISSINGER HAS TALKED TO MR. GROMYKO SINCE I DID. I THINK HE COULD ANSWER THAT QUESTION BETTER THAN ME.

KISSINGER: I HOPE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ANY STEP TOWARDS PEACE IS IN THE INTERESTS OF EVERYBODY. WE HAVE ALWAYS ASSERTED THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE SOVIET UNION, SO THESE MEASURES ARE NOT CONSIDERED INCOMPATIBLE BY US.

Q: MR. CALLAGHAN, DID YOU TALK TO THE SECRETARY ABOUT

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ENERGY, IN PARTICULAR THE OIL PRICE FLOOR THAT THE
SECRETARY HAS PROPOSED?

CALLAGHAN: YES, WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS
ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON AND THIS
TIME WE HAVEN'T CARRIED IT VERY MUCH FURTHER BECAUSE NOT
MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BEYOND OUR TALKS IN
WASHINGTON.

Q: GENERALLY DOES BRITAIN GO ALONG WITH THIS CONCEPT?

CALLAGHAN: OF A PRICE FLOOR? WE'RE GOING TO BE VERY
BIG PRODUCERS OF OIL OURSELVES BY 1980, AND WE THINK
THERE IS A LOT TO BE SAID FOR HAVING SOME STABILITY IN
THE MARKET, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE IS EXPENSIVE OIL BEING
PRODUCED. SO WE WOULD WANT TO EXAMINE THIS KIND OF
PROPOSAL VERY SYMPATHETICALLY.

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KISSINGER: I'VE GOT TO MAINTAIN MY FRIENDSHIP WITH THE
FOREIGN SECRETARY IN CASE HE BECOMES PRESIDENT OF OPEC.
(LAUGHTER)

Q: COULD DR. KISSINGER TELL US HIS IMPRESSIONS OF
MRS. THATCHER (NEWLY ELECTED LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE
PARTY).

KISSINGER: I HAVE ALREADY STATED THAT I WAS IMPRESSED.
... WELL, LET'S GO OUT.
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